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HIROSHI NAKAHATA	)	
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Application No.: 10/508,796	)	
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For: COLOUR IMAGE FORMING	)	
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Commissioner for Patents  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the Japanese documents, together with English-language abstracts therefor, are also enclosed. The cited documents were cited in enclosed Official Letter/Search Report issued by the Korean Patent Office on February 22, 2006 in a counterpart application.

### REMARKS

U.S. Patent No. 6,308,024 (Nakayama, et al.) is identified in Dialog database as being in the patent family of Japanese Patent Document No. 2001-138514.

### STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action has not been received in the above-identified application, neither a Statement, Petition, nor payment of a fee is required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be deemed necessary in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed for that purpose.

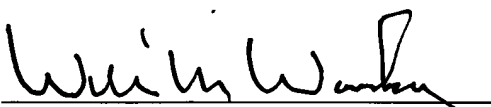
### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C.

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